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The Honorable John Conyers, Jr.
Ranking Minority Member
Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Conyers:

This responds to your letter, dated August 1, 2005, addressed to the Attorney General requesting the appointment of a special counsel to handle a criminal investigation into alleged political contributions by Thomas Noe of Ohio. We are sending an identical response to Congresswoman Kaptur who joined in your letter to us.

The Department has reviewed the circumstances of this investigation and believes that it is being appropriately handled jointly by the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Ohio and the Public Integrity Section of the Criminal Division. Please be assured that all such matters will be investigated and, where appropriate, prosecuted to the full extent of federal law.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention. Please do not hesitate to contact this office if we can be of further assistance regarding this or any other matter.

Sincerely,

William E. Moschella
Assistant Attorney General

cc: The Honorable F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr.
Chairman